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For: ADAPTIVE, DETERMINISTIC ANT ROUTING APPROACH FOR UPDATING NETWORK ROUTING INFORMATION

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir

In response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until July 11, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the remarks herein

No claims are amended, added or canceled. Hence, Claims 1-25 are pending in the Application.

ISSUES RELATING TO 103(a) —TERUHI, MOY AND RFC 2676

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Teruhi et al., U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0072269 (hereinafter *Teruhi*) and J. Moy et al., IETF RFC 1247 "OSPF Version 2", July 1991 (hereinafter *Moy*) and further in view of Apostolopoulos et al., INTF RFC 2676 "QoS Routing Mechanisms and OSPF Extensions", August 1999 (hereinafter *RFC* 2676). The rejection is respectfully